

## Chesterfield Cemetery Commission Meeting - April 11, 2017

In Attendance: Pat Porter, Neil Jenness, Chris Flagg, Norman VanCor, Rick Johnston, Cheryl Maibusch

President Neil Jenness called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

In regards to minutes from last meeting dated October 11, 2016, there were no corrections. Pat motioned to approve the minutes as written, Neil seconded and it was voted to approve last meeting's minutes as written.

### Sexton Report:

- Cemetery team started work for the season yesterday, April 10. 22 of 24 cemeteries were visited. All equipment started up which was great! Bad news was that the truck died while being driven and had to be brought to the shop for repair. At this time it is believed to be an electrical issue.
- There was a stone repaired in Chesterfield West (CW) and there are two more that were found to be in need of repair.
- A neighbor to Spofford Hill cemetery called Chris to report that a tree had fallen over the property line from her yard into the cemetery. That has been cleaned up.
- A new employee has started on the cemetery team this year: Nick Burt.
- There are 4 burials coming up of deaths that occurred over the winter.
- The NH DOL came out to do a safety inspection. He verified that the chain fall had been removed. Subsequently a jack has been bought to remove mower blades. It was mentioned that consulting with Chris Lord (Road Agent) can help keep our department in safety compliance, along with other Chesterfield departments, going forward.
- There was a large rhododendron plant in Chesterfield West that, when removed, was found to have overgrown two tombstones, long unseen.

### Other Business:

- It was determined that the roads into both Friedsam & Spofford cemeteries do not fall under the purview of the Highway Department.
- It was stated that Rick Carrier has info on the amount in the Capital Reserve Fund for cemetery activities.
- Chris spoke of acquiring a battery powered impact drill as a potential end-of-season purchase, if not sooner. Chris also mentioned that his team may hand seal the new parts of the roads in the Friedsam & Spofford cemeteries to preserve their functionality for a longer time period.
- There was an inquiry into the possibility of two exhumations. Chris provided the inquirer with an estimate of the costs. He is awaiting any response that might be forthcoming.
- Neil mentioned that a Timothy Gardner from Maryland who is related to the Robertson family made a contribution to a trust fund for the care of Robertson Family graves in the cemetery on the left side of Poocham Rd.
- It was explained that of all the materials used for tombstones, stones made of marble & limestone are the ones most prone to tip over.

Next meeting is on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl L. Maibusch